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Shortage of Fodder
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge decline in the grass land causing non-availability of fodder for livestock, if so, the details thereof along with the details of grassland available in various States of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any census of livestock population in the country in the recent year, if so, the details and outcome thereof; State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that population of livestock is decreasing continuously due to lack of fodder which has caused huge loses to farmers;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the area under grassland and provide assistance to make available sufficient fodder for livestock; and

(e) whether the income of farmers can be increased by promoting animal husbandry particularly that of milch cattle in the country, if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) As per the latest report furnished by Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare in their Land Use Statistics at Glance May 2015 report, there is marginal decrease in the total permanent pasture and other grazing land in the country from 10,305 Thousand Ha in 2010-11 to 10, 240 Thousand Ha in 2012-13.
State wise area under pasture & other grazing land in the country are given in Annexure-I

(b)&(c) Recently, the Livestock Census was conducted in the year 2012. As per the latest Livestock Censuses, the total livestock population in the country declined from 529.70 million in 2007 to 512.06 million in 2012.

The Livestock Census is conducted after every five years across the country. The actual livestock population of the country, State/UT-wise and category-wise, during the years 2007 and 2012 is given at Annexure-ll.

(d)Government of India has already taken necessary steps to increase feed and fodder production in various parts the country by providing financial assistance to the States and UTs under Centrally Sponsored National Livestock Mission of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF) with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development for the following components.

S. N. Name of the Components
1. Fodder Production from Non-forest wasteland/ rangeland/ grassland/ non-arable land
2. Fodder production from Forest land
3. Fodder Seed Procurement/ Production & Distribution
4. Introduction of Hand Driven Chaff-Cutter
5. Introduction of Power Driven Chaff-Cutter
6. Distribution of low capacity, tractor mountable Fodder Block Making units, hay baling machines/reapers/forage harvesters
7. Establishment of silage making Units
8. Establishment of by-pass protein production units
9. Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture / Feed Pelleting/ Feed Manufacturing Unit.
10. Establishment/modernization of Feed Testing Laboratories

(e) The income of farmers can be increased by promoting animal husbandry particularly that of milch cattle in the country. Indeed, dairying will continue to remain as livelihood option for the rural India hence promotion of milch animals that are heat tolerant, disease

resistant and adoptable to adverse conditions require focused attention.